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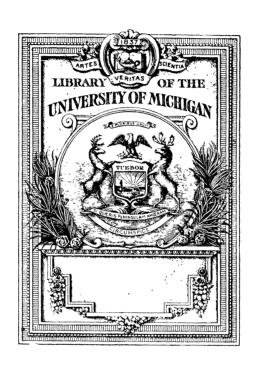
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SPANISH-AMERICAN FOLK-SONGS.

Introductory.

C PANISH music, both secular and religious, had attained its highest development at the time when the Spanish colonization of America was beginning. troubador spirit had cast its spell over the nobility of Spain; and there was much popular music as well, born of the Spaniards' inherent desire to sing and dance. Arab musicians and music-teachers were to be found in most of the southern towns of the peninsula, whence came also many of the early settlers of the colonies. There are various records which show that music was considered important in the new country, and that with the soldiers, laborers, and priests, came also musicians; for there is an old document, dating from only twenty years after Columbus' first discovery, which speaks of two musicians who were brought from Spain to a town in Cuba, "to make gaiety for the populace." Another document records that one of the soldiers of Cortez was named Ortiz and was a "tocador de bihuela, y enseñaba a danzar" (teacher of the bihuela, and taught dancing). Thus the folk-music of this people has a longer history on this continent than either that of the French-Canadians or Negroes, and it is just as much true music of the people. Moreover, the best of these songs are more highly developed in type than those of the other races.

Early Spanish-American colonial life was very simple, and the settlements were often remote from outside influences. All this was favorable to the development of folk-song; and therefore it follows not only that the immigrants went on singing their old songs, but that succeeding generations developed new ones. These were as truly the growth of this country as the American-born singers themselves; for as a rule, owing to intermarriage with the Indians

and varying living-conditions, the inheritance was no longer unmixed Spanish. The few families who are still pure Spanish are justly proud of the fact. In the West Indies and a few other regions. Negro blood also became an important element in the racial mixture. The result of all this intermingling is shown in their songs, which are seldom merely importations from the old country or simply primitive Indian. Even those sung by the people in whom the Indian strain is prominent show Spanish influences of rhythm and style and key; so that, for instance, one finds a "Petenera zapoteca" (No. 82). The peteneras came originally from southern Spain; and this, their counterpart. is sung and danced by the Zapotec Indians of Oaxaca. the Habanera¹ one finds Negro influences in the rhythm: or one sees a Malagueña (No. 91), — a form obviously of Spanish origin, but here sung by the half-breed Indians. In this case, as in some others, the resemblance is not very strong between the original Spanish type and the Spanish-American. At times even Moorish influences are discernible, brought from the old country by the early settlers. In fact, the region that came under Spanish dominion was so large, and varied so widely in ancestry and exterior conditions, that the folk-music also grew to have correspondingly differing characteristics.

Mexico City developed rapidly; for by 1574 we read of fifteen thousand Spanish inhabitants, besides Indians, with a well-built Spanish residence quarter, and some streets wide enough for six coaches to be driven abreast; also monasteries, churches, schools, public buildings, and four hospitals, of which one was for Indians. In 1697 Coreal says of the town that it had a population of one hundred thousand. He also says, "Les femmes sont spirituelles, agréables, vives, amoureuses, et belles, mais les maris sont en recompense d'un esprit mal fait, vains et entêtés de leur



¹ Habanera or danza, a song-form named from Havana, where it originated, and whence it has spread to both sides of the ocean. As a rule, the danza consists of two well-defined sections, differing from each other in key, or phrasing, or emotional quality. Sometimes one finds a danza in three sections; as, for instance, No. 33 ("Un pajarito") or No. 48 ("Paseando una mañana").

mérite." Various other writers seem to agree with him about the women, but are less severe on the men. He describes Mexico City as "Sans contredit, la ville de tout l'Amérique ou l'on pouvait dépenser, et le plus agréablement." There were theatres and operas as well as other forms of entertainment, and life in the capital must have been full of gay scenes and vivid contrasts.

Enormous fortunes were made in the mines, which opened the way to various forms of pleasure and expenditure. Moreover, the rich could get various European luxuries. One reads descriptions in Mme. Calderon de la Barca's letters, and elsewhere, of beautiful dresses and iewels: and in the Museum in Mexico there are wonderful old costumes and pieces of antique furniture. Thomas Gage quotes a by-word of the day: "Four things are fair, - the women, the apparel, the horses, and the streets." He adds, "and the beauty of the coaches, which do exceed in cost the best of the Court of Madrid and other parts of Christendom, for they spare no silver nor gold nor precious stones, nor cloth of gold, nor the best of silk from China, to enrich them." Throughout all the Spanish colonies, and from the earliest times, the things from Europe were always sought after and treasured; for they were hard to get, and, if they were lost, there was never any assurance that they could be replaced.

In the country regions there was greater simplicity of life as to physical conditions, and mental as well; for schools were few and far between, and outside of Mexico City and Lima, and one or two other university towns, the standards in education were easy-going. We read that books concerning the Americas could not be delivered there without permission of the proper authorities, and every book had to be registered and described when shipped.¹ "Profane matter, fabulous matter, and romance" were all forbidden by the Inquisition. Such an attitude on the part of the authorities discouraged many kinds of effort and study;

 $^{^1}$ The first printing-press in Mexico was set up in 1536 or 1537, and all the first publications were religious or linguistic.

and it is a credit to the colonies that scholarship in the universities, within the permitted fields of work, should have reached as high a standard as that found anywhere in Europe during the same period. The missions to the Indians were very important in the early development of the colonies; for, as they were scattered broadcast, in regions both hospitable and inhospitable, many towns sprang into life around them. Music was much used in the effort to convert the Indians, and Remesal describes the doctrine of salvation, translated into native tongue and sung to the accompaniment of native instruments.

In many parts of the country Indian labor was used for the ranches, mines, and so forth; while in some sections Negroes were brought over from Africa. Theoretically the Indians were not enslaved, while the Africans were; but in actual fact there was little difference between the position of one and that of the other. In the early days, from four to six slaves made possible a comfortable existence, — one to hunt, one to fish, and the rest for cultivation of the land. Some families acquired as many as two or three hundred. The large estates had to be self-supporting in all the essentials of life; and in the well-to-do families there was great lavishness in all that pertained to the table, and service in the household.

In California the better families were very proud of keeping their Castilian blood pure; and, though their life was remote from all European intercourse, it was easy and agreeable, so far as fertile country and kindly climate could make it, and gay because of the nature of the people. They lived to a ripe old age, keeping their faculties and hair and teeth. They were temperate and happy in disposition, not caring about business, but skilled in all forms of bodily exercise, and their horsemanship was extraordinarily fine. The women married young, and were industrious housewives. There were few doctors, and apparently their services were not much needed. There are still alive elderly people who remember the merry visiting back and forth between the various ranches, the ladies going in the big

family coach, and the gentlemen on horseback. Many stories have come down to us of the gayeties, balls, parties, picnics, and so on. Captain Hall says that in Peru it used to be the general habit, in regard to balls, for ladies who happened not to be invited to go in disguise and stand at the windows, sometimes even entering the room. They were known as *tapadas*, because of having their faces covered; and their purpose was to observe the proceedings of their unconscious friends, whom they tormented by comments whenever they were within hearing.

On the country estates the owners always looked after the passing traveller, as hotels were unheard of: and this had its defects as well as its advantages, for the traveller was dependent upon the good will of his host as well as on the size of his establishment. Most of the reports which have come to us show, however, no lack of good will. It is said that more than one wealthy man used to keep his gold stored in his attic, uncounted, but ready to loan to friends without interest or security. There are descriptions also of early travellers in California being sent off on the best horses belonging to the hacienda where they had stopped for the night; and apparently it was the fashion for the hacendado to leave a tray of silver coins, covered with a cloth, on a table in his guest-room, from which one might draw, but was not expected to take more than enough for immediate need. Even before the United States took over the government of California, in 1848, this practice had nearly disappeared, because of unscrupulous travellers and promoters from the States who had not hesitated to misuse Spanish hospitality. Such has been the sad fate of many fine old customs.

Travelling was difficult and dangerous in every way. Even the journey from Vera Cruz to Mexico City was full of perils; and a longer trip, such as going overland to New Mexico or Arizona, must have been an enormous undertaking. The travelling-carriages are described as having many cushions, a large place for food underneath the body of the vehicle, pockets for guns, and space for baggage, so that they must have been quite cumbersome affairs.

During many years the authorized commerce of the colonies with the mother country was restricted to two fleets a year. This led to much smuggling, and the custom was discontinued in 1748. In 1774 the prohibition against intercolonial commerce was removed. According to Friar Thomas Gage, the stir and excitement occasioned in the town of Progreso on the arrival of the fleet was intense. For days beforehand caravans of mules and donkeys laden with silver, cocoa, and other products, were coming into town. They unloaded on the square by simply dumping their belongings in great heaps, which apparently no one thought of stealing. Then, when the fleet arrived, there followed days of bargaining, and later of celebration, after which Progreso went to sleep till the next fleet was due.

The remoteness from European standards led to a tenacity in regard to old customs that exists to the present day. In certain parts of Mexico a young man will still steal his bride: but as a rule they hold to the old Spanish manner of courtship, which, although it has nearly died out in the mother country, still exists in Mexico for all classes. a young man notices a girl whose looks charm him, either in the street with her dueña or at Mass, he follows her home, and then finds out from his friends about her people. ably she has noticed his attention; and if she likes it, she finds some opportunity to smile at him, or drop a flower; whence begins the part of courtship known as Hacer el oso ("to play the bear"). He comes under her window every evening, and she leans over the balcony and talks with him. In that way she has the opportunity to become acquainted more freely than in her severely chaperoned parlor. may persuade a servant to take notes to her and bring back her answers, all of which is considered quite comme il faut, and is not necessarily binding. This goes on sometimes for months: and if the poor youth happens to strike the rainy season, it makes no difference: he must "play the bear," rain or shine, even if he has to stand up to his knees in water. If his day-time occupation takes him past her house at regular hours, there is further opportunity for a greeting,

of which she is sure to take advantage. Finally the suitor makes the acquaintance of the whole family; but in accordance with the tradition of the Latin races, even after a formal engagement, the strict chaperonage by either a dueña or a balcony-rail goes on until marriage. In serenade No. 56, which seems to have originated in the Spanish province of Asturias, the reference is obviously to this custom; for the girl comes to her balcony at the young man's signal, and gives an answering whistle.

In the deserts of New Mexico and Arizona, and the arid parts of old Mexico, external conditions of life were harsh, and meant hardship and poverty for the people who settled there, so that there were few families of wealth and distinction and little patriarchal life. One New Mexican custom is worthy of note. The region is essentially good for sheepraising, and not for much else. The first sheep were introduced shortly after the arrival of the Spaniards: and soon most of the land was controlled by a few wealthy sheepowners, while the rest of the population became little more than slaves, spending their lives herding these vast flocks. Thus there were practically only two classes, — the booted and the barefooted. On these big estates the wool was spun and woven; and once a year, in March, occurred what was known as the *conducta*. At that time a representative from each Spanish family took his gun, also a supply of food and the result of the winter's weaving piled on the backs of his burros, and went to the Rendezvous. Because of Apaches and Comanches, safety for the Spaniards lay in numbers; so the band of travellers went together into Sonora, and there exchanged their blankets for cattle, coffee, fruits, silks, and so on. This took from March till September; and then they set off for the annual buffalo-hunt, so as to get the year's supply of buffalo-meat to be dried. After that was over, it was time to go to the salt-lakes for the year's supply of salt: and then the horses needed to be rested before beginning all over again.

Each adoring swain, before he could gain his damsel's

¹ See The Land of Poco Tiempo, by C. F. Lummis, p. 20 (New York, Scribner's).

hand, must perforce join the *conducta* for his future father-in-law; and even after he had successfully put that through (a year's work without pay), he must buy or steal an Indian girl who should become the attendant of his bride. As Indian girls cost about five hundred dollars apiece in the market (far more than most young men possessed), stealing was in order. Not till all these things were accomplished could the poor youth really claim his lady-love.

During the whole Colonial period one finds quaint European characters scattered through Spanish America, derelicts washed ashore in some quiet nook after storms of various kinds on the other side of the ocean. Thomas Gage describes a man who had originally been a slave in Seville, who ran away to this country, married an Indian woman, and lived for many years among the Indians. Captain Andrews tells about an ex-Napoleonic general, who had seen many great deeds and exciting times, and who died a husbandman and charcoal-burner in Brazil, living at some distance from one of the large towns, and far from court intrigues and the hatreds of men. In 1855 there was an old, red-headed, hot-tempered Scotch woman living in Panama. She had married a native husband, and made him lead the bull on which it pleased her to ride about the town, — an unbeautiful rebirth of the Europa legend. In 1861 a disillusioned, love-sick French count was living entirely alone on an island in the Caribbean Sea. He was at such a distance from the mainland, that only a few times during the year would he leave his retreat, going ashore in his sailboat for the absolute necessities. The rest of the time he spent quite by himself, and it was only through the exigencies of weather that he was discovered by the crew of a vessel which had to seek shelter near by. Tucked away in another remote corner there lived, until quite lately, a man who had been, early in life, principal violinist in one of the important courts in Europe. He had had the temerity to fall in love with a lady way above him in station, and exile and many wanderings were all he got for his pains.

In this volume the song called "El trobador" (No. 2)

comes from southern California, where it is quite familiar. The melody is strikingly similar to the Polish revolutionary song called "Valiant Lagienka;" but it has taken on a more southern mode of expression, and a warmer texture in its melody. The words have been entirely remade. Is it not possible that some tale from the past might be unearthed, of Polish refugees away off in the new country? Even the Spanish words speak of banishment and exile.

The early instrument throughout Spanish America was the guitar, or its predecessor the bihuela, a guitar-like instrument of Moorish origin; and although violins and harps were numerous, the guitar was and is really the most beloved. The native Mexican would use this instrument to accompany any of the songs in this book, playing either chords or arpeggios; and as a rule he would make the accompaniment simple, although an occasional guitar-player becomes a virtuoso and performs extraordinary feats. They are especially fond of the very honeyed quality of successive thirds, which they carry to an extreme. In this collection there are several dances, which were played for me while I was in Mexico by a man named Maximilian Salinas, who is big and brown, with a shock of coarse, half-long, black hair. immaculate clothes, the biggest sombrero in the state of Oaxaca, and the manners of a Spanish grandee. minded me, though in a more picturesque way, of the men one sometimes sees in city streets, playing three or four different instruments, with their hands, head, and feet; for he played a melody and its second on a mouth-organ. which was fastened to the upper side of a guitar on which he played a really sonorous accompaniment.

Harps were formerly often used, especially in South America. Pianos were first imported about 1840; and their possession is, as everywhere, a sign of comfortable fortune. In South America, and also among some of the native tribes in Mexico, a drum is used, made of a single piece of hollowed wood covered with rawhide. The true Indian, however, in his white cotton clothes, zarape, and big sombrero.

has a very tender spot in his heart for a mouth-organ; and I have spent various diverting hours in the plaza or the market-place, listening to some serenely unconscious, brownskinned mortal tooting busily to himself.

Within the last decade, phonographs of all degrees and qualities have become very common, and the result works in both ways. Sometimes songs are preserved by this means, and their radius enlarged; at other times one hears the worst of worn-out, decrepit "Bowery" tunes, with Spanish words replacing the English.

Among the people who sing, one finds all kinds of voices, good and bad; but uneducated singers usually have a fondness for nasal tone quality, and also for extra-ornamenting a melody with superfluous grace-notes and turns, in the manner of southern Spain. This is a part of their Moorish inheritance, for the Moors carry it to a point where the original melody sometimes becomes unrecognizable. There is one man among the various people who have sung for me, Pedro Diaz, also of Oaxaca, who is a very interesting example of what the untrained, half-breed singer can be. He is a tailor by trade, very delicate and slight in build, with a charming baritone voice. His temperament is really artistic, so that without education or training he instinctively feels the right interpretation of a song. In the melodies which he sang for me, and most of which he said he had learned from his uncle when he was a little boy, he made almost no mistakes in taste. His songs are among the very best that I have found, with flowing phrases which are often long and well balanced, and climaxes that are well developed. Up to the time that I heard him sing, I had felt that the more complicated types of songs were perhaps sung only by people who had at least some training and education, but his music changed this theory of mine. interesting also to notice that often, even in the most cultivated families, music is more a matter of instinct and feeling than of much training. People who know little or nothing about the technical side of the art will nevertheless sing a second part to a song by ear, and without blundering.

A knowledge of the songs of Spanish America usually begins with "La paloma" and "La golondrina," both of which are very familiar there; but as they are still comparatively young, there may be a reasonable doubt as to whether they can be classed properly as folk-songs. These are but two examples; and, among many others, certain ones seem to be very generally known throughout Mexico,—as, for instance, "Carmen, Carmela" (No. 23) and "Si va el vapor" (No. 68),—while others are purely local.

It is a difficult matter, and often impossible, to trace the history of any folk-song. The result of my effort to learn about these is given each time preceding the music, as I have been able to trace only five of these melodies back to Spain; but I do not like to say positively that more of them might not be found in the mother country. although I have searched diligently through many volumes of Spanish folk-music,² and have made inquiries in many directions. A few are combinations of parts of older songs that have been brought from Spain; but even in these there seems always to be some new element, either in tune or words. There are three songs (Nos. 3, 5, and 8, "La casita," "Los ojos mexicanos," and "Pregúntale a las estrellas") — all in the very familiar danza or Habanera form — which, for their second section, seem to have had a common ancestor, although I have failed to find it. The songs in danza rhythm are numerous, and include some of the most charming and interesting of those found in Spanish America; as. for instance, No. 33 ("Un pajarito"), No. 4 ("Yo no sé si me quieres"), and No. 15 ("Encantadora María"), in which

¹ These can be bought in any music-store. In addition, Charles F. Lummis of Los Angeles, Cal., has published a little group of Spanish-American songs in his Land of Poco Tiempo, and, with the co-operation of Arthur Farwell, two other songs in sheetmusic form, — Las horas de luto and La cara negra. Mr. Lummis has made a remarkable collection of phonograph records. Some years ago J. F. McCoy published ten songs in sheet-music form in Santa Barbara, Cal., most of which are now out of print. Stimmen der Völker is a book brought out by Albert Friedenthal, which has some good and some questionable statements. Wagner and Levien of Mexico City have also published a pamphlet of songs. H. W. Gray has a volume of twelve Folk-Songs from Mexico and South America.

² A bibliography will be found at the back of the volume.

the melodies are far more original than those of the group that I mentioned above.

There are various points that tend to make one believe in the Mexican origin of this music; as, for instance, the relative popularity of the various rhythms. That most ardent student of folk-songs, Carl Engel, has found that in Spain the number of songs in three-part rhythm makes about ninety per cent of the whole, whereas in Mexico three-part rhythms are used much less often. By contrast, the danza rhythm I have found occurring as often as one in five or six, instead of only about one in fifteen, as in Spain. Apart from their special leaning in Mexico towards the danza rhythm, they seem to divide their affection fairly between two-part and three-part rhythms, in all their varieties. The danza tunes which are intended especially for songs are said never to be used for dancing. is true as well.

Engel also says that among a hundred Spanish tunes, he found seventy-eight in major, twenty in minor, and two beginning in major and ending in minor, with none that started in minor and ended in major.¹ In Mexico I have found the proportion of major tunes about the same, and almost a fifth of the total number of tunes that I have heard there make use of both scales. As a rule, these go from minor into the relative major, contrary to the Spanish form; but one of these songs, No. 4 ("Yo no sé si me quieres"), changes from minor into the tonic major, which gives it an unusual character and a charming effect.

The texts of the songs differ widely in their range. Many of them are in the form of the old Spanish *coplas*, with lines of eight or sometimes of seven or six syllables, four lines making the ordinary length of stanza. Sometimes the first and fourth lines rhyme, often the second and third. Many times one finds only assonance instead of rhyme; but in Spanish, with its musical qualities, this is found to be satisfying. Sometimes the words are very childish in thought



¹ I have found a few Spanish songs beginning in minor and ending in major, but they are rare.

and expression; and while some of them are delightfully naïve, others have a sense of rustic humor which, to our ears, borders on vulgarity. I have given at least one example of each kind that I could find; although there are a few that I have not translated, as the words seem uninteresting or poor, while the tune has some kind of merit. One of the naïve ones deals with food, another with the bull-fight, and so on. A few of the songs are political, and these are grouped by themselves. Occasionally a song tells a story, but the greater number are love-songs of various types. It is in these that one finds the most interesting melodies, and words as well, for the sentiment and expression are often very charming and truly poetic. A few of the lovesongs are happy and joyous, — like No. 3 ("La casita"), with its planning of a little house for the beloved, which is to be a bower of flowers by a rippling stream, — but as a rule the love-songs have some element of pathos or tragedy; such as separation, or forgotten devotion, or hopeless longing. Occasionally one finds cynicism, as in the song called "Aunque ames" (No. 58), which gives the worldly-wise counsels of an older woman to a young girl; or humor, as in the serenade "El galan incógnito" (No. 56).

In the folk-songs of other countries one is apt to find a large proportion of work-songs, drinking and war songs, and the like. Is it not possible that the various prohibitions of the Inquisition, and the censorship exercised by the mother country, should have influenced the folk-songs of the colonies by narrowing the range of subjects?

There is one characteristic of these texts which they have in common with the songs of all Latin races; that is, they often condense two or more syllables into one beat of the rhythm. As a rule, this is done with words that are made up principally of vowel-sounds, which run together easily in singing. In the case where one word ends with a vowel, and another follows immediately with a vowel, but one note has been placed below, for the native singer would weld the two into one unbroken sound.

Singing and dancing are so linked together, both in Latin

America and in Spain, that it is often hard to know how to classify their music. Many of the songs in this collection belong with dances; as, for instance, No. 92 ("Quieres que te ponga"), which has a dance for two people, and No. 85 ("Que gusto me da"), which has a solo dance, and so forth. The Jarabes, Malagueñas, and others, are all to be danced as well as sung.

In all of this music I have made my transcription as accurate as possible, taking no liberties with the tune, but giving it just as it was sung for me. Some of the songs were first recorded on a phonograph; and others were taken by dictation, when a phonograph was not available. With a person of small musical intelligence this is a difficult matter, for each repetition will vary; and if one calls attention to that, the singer becomes embarrassed, and loses all the more completely the thread of what he is doing.

This little volume stirs but the uppermost surface of the vast sea of charming music lying to the south of us. fortunately, these songs are fast dying out; for, as a rule, the younger generation is more apt to indulge in rag-time than in the songs of its parents. This tendency is prevalent to a greater extent here than in Mexico, but, sad to say, it is increasing in both countries. In the last ten years even, many of the old singers have died; and, as a rule, their songs have died with them, unrecorded, and untransmitted by word of mouth. If the prospective song-collector could get away from the towns and centres of civilization in Mexico to some of the big remote ranches, he ought to be able to find whole classes of songs quite different from those in this book, — alboradas, long, serious, beautiful songs, sung in the dawn on the way out to work; and ballad-like songs sung about the fire at night, when work is over; and other kinds as well. By those who have been fortunate enough to hear them, these are described as unusually beautiful. the moment, Mexico is a difficult place to move about in; but if peace could once more be restored to that racked country, a wonderful opportunity would be opened to the song-hunter. Meanwhile all of South America is available.

Why should we feel that the Americas have nothing to give us in folk-music?

My best thanks are due to those who have sung for me, without whose help these songs might have gone the way of so many others; also to the various kind friends, — Miss Esther Singleton, Mrs. Marguerite Wilkinson, Mrs. Tileston Wells, Mrs. W. W. Rockwell, Mrs. Raleigh Gildersleeve, Miss Edna Thompson, Mr. Edward Kilenyi, and others who have aided me in the translation and helped me with information and advice, for which I am deeply grateful.

STOCKBRIDGE, MASS., Oct. 23, 1916.

I. SERENATA.1

(From southern California. Sung by Mrs. Francisca de la G. Dibblee.)



- 2. ¡De mi triste desconsuelo Ten piedad, noble señora! Sólo tu piedad implora Tu respetuoso amador. Nunca mi pasión quisiste Beldad, que admiro y adoro, Mientras mi postrer suspiro Será un suspiro de amor.
- 2. "Take pity on my lamentation!
 Ah, noble lady, show thy mercy!
 Thy mercy only I'm imploring.
 Thy reverent suitor now am I.
 Never has my passion pleased thee,
 Beauty much he nored, much adored,
 While my deep sighs of true devotion
 Float upward toward thee as I die."
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2. EL TROBADOR.¹

(From southern California.)



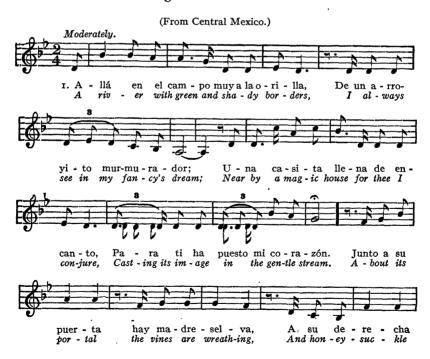
- 2. Cese el llorar, amante de amargura. Cese el gemir, querido trobador. Tu amante fiel se rinde a tu ternura Y lauros mil coronarán tu amor. Compensarán los goces y las glorias Todo el rigor de mi anterior desdén. Y envidiarán los siglos y las historias Al trobador y a su querido bien.
- Tu dulce voz, tu cítara sonora, Ensalzarán la pompa del festín. Te brinda la dama encantadora, Y brindarán todos al paladín.

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¡Ay! trobador, ven a mis tiernos brazos. Tu amante fiel te los ofrece, ¡ven! Y estrecharán indisolubles lazos Al trobador y a su querido bien.

- 2. Cease now thy tears, thou ever mournful lover; Cease now thy sighs, beloved troubador. Thy tenderness has won this faithful maiden, And laurel wreaths shall crown thee evermore. Glories and joys henceforth shall recompense thee For all my former harshness and disdain, While history and all the future ages Shall envy us, the maid and knight, in vain.
- 3. Thy sweet guitar, thy dulcet voice resounding In song, shall grace our festal wedding-day; Thy damsel fair shall toast thy long devotion, Yea, all will toast the paladin who may. O troubador! come to my fond embraces, Now offered thee from this adoring heart, And they will forge eternal bonds between us, And ne'er the maid and troubador shall part.

3. LA CASITA.





- 2. El no-me-olvides sirve de alfombra, Allí los lirios se ven lucir, Y las violetas le dan su sombra, Cuando n las tardes va el colibrí. Está sembrada de muchas flores, Que el arroyito baña, y el sol Cuando en la tarde presta sus rayos, Para alentarlas con su calor.
- 3. Allí la calma nunca se pierde, Nunca hay tristeza, nunca hay dolor, Allí se goza la paz del alma, Sin más testigos que el campo y Dios. Si tú me quieres, con el cariño Con que te adora mi corazón, Vámonos juntos a esa casita, A ser felices, mi bien, tú y yo.
- 2. Forget-me-nots make an azure carpet, Snow-white lilies grow tall and fair, And violets peep out from mossy shadows, Calling th humming-birds to linger there. The radiant sunlight caresses warmly The blooming flowers, and gives them force; And they are watered by the refreshing river, Which pauses lovingly in its course.
- 3. Here calm and repose are ever reigning, And grief always shall be unknown. Here thou shalt find, my love, the soul's contentment, In the surrounding peace which is God's own. If thou canst love me with true devotion, And in the measure I thee adore, Come with me, darling, come with me to this cottage! We shall be joyful forevermore.

4. YO NO SÉ SI ME QUIERES.

(From southern California or northern Mexico.)



eyes

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as

as thine

5. LOS OJOS MEXICANOS.

(From the neighborhood of Mexico City.)



 Dicen que los ojos verdes Son emblema del olvido, Pues ellos prometen un alma, Cosa que nunca han tenido.

Por eso yo jamás, etc.

speak of

true love

 Dicen que los ojos negros, Para platicar de amores, En una mirada de ellos, Le dicen a uno primores.

Por eso yo jamás, etc.

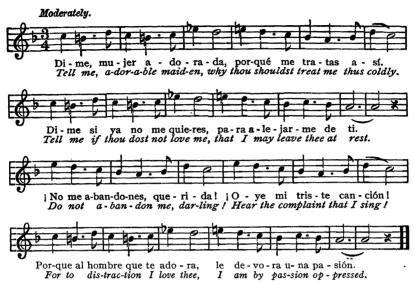
- 2. It is said that green eyes promise a soul to each beholder. They ne'er fulfil that promise, forgetfulness they figure.

 And so forevermore, etc.
- 3. It is said that black-eyed glances show tenderness in loving, Fair days and hopes foretelling, sweet joys and fancies giving.

 And so forevermore, etc.

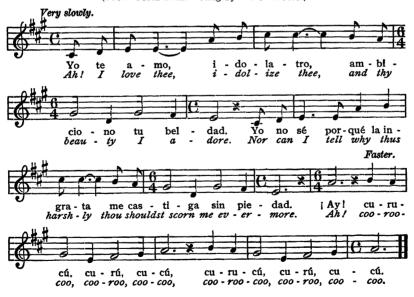
6. DIME, MUJER ADORADA.

(From Santa Barbara. Sung by Mrs. F. de la G. Dibblee.)



7. YO TE AMO, IDOLATRO.

(From Costa Rica. Sung by W. C. Riotte.)



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8. PREGÚNTALE A LAS ESTRELLAS.¹

(From Puebla. Sung by Mrs. Geoffrey Hamer.)



 Pregúntale a las flores, Si mis amores les cuento yo, Cuando la callada noche Cierra su broche, suspiro yo.

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Pregúntale a las aves, Si tú no sabes lo que es amor. Pregúntale a todo el prado, Si no he luchado con mi dolor.

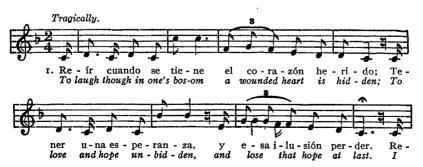
Tú bien comprendes, Que yo te quiero, Que por ti muero, Solo por ti; Porque te quiero, Bien de mi vida. Sólo en el mundo, Sólo en el mundo, Te quiero a ti.

Go ask of the sweet flowers blooming
 If of my sorrows I told not all.
 Go ask of the wild birds singing
 If I sigh when the night doth fall.
 Go ask of the dewy meadows
 If thy love holds not my heart in thrall.
 Go ask of all creation
 If for thee, darling, I pine and call.

Ah, hear me, dearest, How well I love thee! For thee I perish Distraught with love. My only solace Is to adore thee. My heart's devotion, My heart's devotion, I offer thee.

9. REIR ES NECESARIO.

(From Central Mexico.)





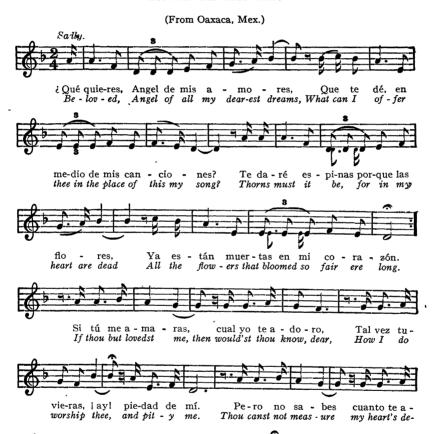
2. Si porque el mundo ignore Mi loco desvarío, Por eso canto y río, En medio del dolor. No importa que esta risa Consuma mi existencia, Si al cabo esta dolencia, La sufro por tu amor. Vivir más, ya no puedo, Mi vida es de dolores, De amargos sinsabores, De angustia y de pesar. Yo llevo aquí en el alma Un mar de acerbo llanto, Sufrir y sufrir tanto, Y sin poder llorar.

- I sing and laugh with madness, my sorrow hiding ever;
 'Tis torture past all measure, and the world ne'er can know.
 - It heeds not that my laughter burns to my inmost being, And that my life is fleeing through my love's ceaseless woe.
 - I can exist no longer, I cannot face the morrow.

The fulness of my sorrow within my breast I keep.

A sea of pain o'erwhelms me, my life is past enduring, My grief beyond the curing, and yet I may not weep.

IO. ANGEL DE MIS AMORES.



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suf - fer,

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II. UN ADIOS. CANCIÓN.

(From Oaxaca. Sung by Pedro Diaz.)



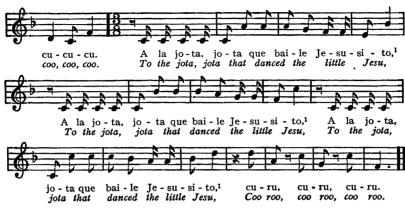
12. LA PALOMA BLANCA.1

(From Arizona and northern Mexico.)



chón a - zul, A - rrí - ma - me tu bo - qui - ta Pa - ra ha - cer cu - pigeon blue. Turn your sweet red lips to me, dear; And let's woo and

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- ¿Úrsula, qué estás haciendo? —Mamacita, estoy hilando Para hacer una corbata De las que se están usando.
- La flor de la calabaza,
 Es una bonita flor,
 Para dársela a los hombres,
 Cuando llega la ocasión.
- "Ursula, what are you doing?" —
 "Mother, dear, 'tis a cravat,
 That I'm making for my lover,
 It's the kind we all like best."
- Squashes have a yellow blossom, It's a very pretty flower.
 To a man one sometimes gives it, If he's not a welcome lover.

13. QUE BELLO ES QUERER.

(From Mexico City. Sung by Señora Ramirez.)

Note. — The parenthetical sharp in line 2 indicates that the tone was sometimes sung with voice raised half a tone or less, sometimes natural.





14. TIEMBLO CON TUS MIRADAS.

(From northern Sonora.)





15. ENCANTADORA MARÍA.¹



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16. CREPÚSCULO.

(From southern Mexico.)



Their fond plaints making,

17. ¡O BLANCA VIRGEN A TU VENTANA!

(From Santa Barbara. Sung by Mrs. Francisca de la G. Dibblee.)





- Él. Águila entonces Será mi vida, Hasta tu cielo
 - Podré volar. —
 Élla. Pez de colores,
 Me haré perdida
 Entre las olas
 Del hondo mar. —
 - Él. Entre los mares
 Te buscaría,
 Serían las olas
 Tu pescador. —
 - Élla. En ave entonces

 Me tornaría

 E iría volando,

 E iría volando de flor en flor.
- 3. Élla. Encina negra Seré en la roca, —
 - Él. Yo, yedra tierna Te abrazaré. —
 - Élla. Monja blanca, Ceñiré toca, —
 - Él. Confesor santo Tu voz oiré. —
 - Élla. Si del convento
 Pasas la puerta,
 Muerta entre flores
 Me encontrarás. —

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Él. Si entre las flores
Te encuentro muerta,
Seré yo tierra,
Seré yo tierra,
Y mía serás.

- 2. He. Then to an eagle my life I'll alter, Up to thy heaven swift I shall fly.
 - She. Then to a fish of the sea I'll change me, Hidden beneath the waves I'll lie.
 - He. Within the ocean, I'll quickly seek thee,
 The waves will help me to find thee there.
 - She. Then to a bird I'll turn my being,
 My flight shall take me, my flight shall take me,
 from flower to flower.
- 3. She. A live oak I'll be amid the bowlders.
 - He. As clinging ivy, I'll clasp thee near.
 - She. As a nun, hood and cowl I'll be wearing,
 - He. Saintly confessor, thy voice I'll hear.
 - She. Through convent portal, if thou shouldst enter, Dead thou wilt find me among the flowers.
 - He. Among the flowers, if dead I find thee,

 To earth I'll turn me, to earth I'll turn me, and

 mine thou'lt be.

18. TU ERES MAS BELLA.

(From Costa Rica. Sung by Walter C. Riotte.)



 Yo te adoré, Con espléndida belleza. Cual los cristianos Adoran a su Diós.

Dime, dime, etc.

I must adore thee
 For thy radiant loveliness,
 E'en as the Christians
 Adore the God they bless.

Tell me, tell me, etc.

19. VUELA SUSPIRO.

(From Argentina. Sung by Mrs. Leopold Buhler.)



20. LAS TRISTAS HORAS.

(From Puebla. Sung by Mrs. Geoffrey Hamer.)



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- 2. Irán a visitarte Las brisas que han besado Mi frente pensativa, Contándote mi afán. En tanto que recuerda Mi pecho enamorado Las dichas que pasaron Y nunca volverán. Y cuando al caer la tarde, Las pálidas neblinas Adornan de los cielos El último fulgor; Jugarán con tus rizos Las auras vespertinas, Fingiéndote mis besos Contándote mi amor.
- Oh, quickly fly the breezes
 Greetings to bring thee, dearest!
 They've kissed my pallid forehead,
 And know my bitter grief.
 Oh, truly they will tell thee
 Of my heart's heavy aching,

And sweet joys that have vanished, Ah, never to return!
And when the night is falling,
And clouds the skies are draping,
List to the breezes calling,
They call my name to thee;
They toy with thy dark ringlets,
And hide my kisses in them;
They tell thee all my passion;
They bring my heart to thee.

2I. CHULA LA MAÑANA.

(From Mexico. Sung by Mrs. Karbe.)



22. LOS CELOS DE CAROLINA.

(From southern California. Sung by Mrs. Francisca de la G. Dibblee.)



2. ¡Triste de mí! tu me has robado el alma, Y con ella mi honor y mi destino, Tan sólo por tu amor, amor divino, Tan sólo por tu amor, triste de mí. Vuelve a mí esos ojos que me encantan, A darme un rayo de su luz divina, Y volverás la dicha, O Carolina, A este pobre y amante corazón.

2. Ah! I am sad, for thou hast robbed my bosom Of all joy in life, and of all hope and honor, Through love of thee, divine love past all measure. Through love of thee, Ah! sad is now my heart. Turn to me now those eyes that always charm me, And swiftly give me a welcome ray of light divine. Come, bring good fortune, O dearest Carolina! To this unhappy tragic life of mine.

23. CARMELA.

(Sung generally throughout Mexico.)



24. SI FORMAS TUVIERAN MIS PENSAMIENTOS.

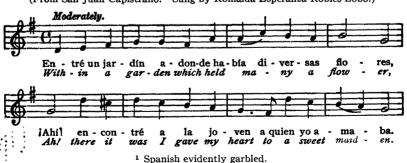
(From Los Angeles. Sung by Miss C. M. Corella, who learned it from a young Yaqui girl.

Words found in early Spanish literature.)



25. ENTRÉ UN JARDÍN.¹

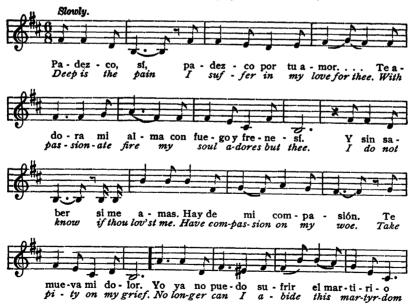
(From San Juan Capistrano. Sung by Romalda Esperanza Robles Lobo.)





26. EL SUFRIMIENTO.

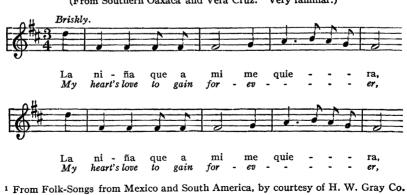
(From Mexico City. Sung by Señora Ramirez.)





27. SERENATA.¹

(From Southern Oaxaca and Vera Cruz. Very familiar.)





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28. EL TORMENTO DE AMOR.

(From southern California. Sung by Mrs. Francisca de la G. Dibblee.)



- 2. Es felíz el mortal que te adora, Las estrellas brillan refulgentes. Es felíz el que bebe las fuentes, Los cristales del agua de amor. Pero yo que con gran sentimiento Bebo siempre la hiel del dolor, Por piedad, ya no tanto tormento, No seas cruel, corresponde a mi amor.
- 2. Ah, how happy the mortal who loves thee!
 As the stars for him will shine more refulgently above.

Ah, how happy is he, who, enchanted, Tastes the crystal water of the spring of love! While I with deepest devotion Drink always of sorrow apart, Now have pity, and cease to repulse me! Ah, return the true devotion of my heart!

29. MI SUEÑO.1

(From Oaxaca, Mex.)





30. BAJA ESOS OJOS.

(From State of Coahuila, Mexico. Sung by Mrs. Karbe.)





31. LAS BLANCAS FLORES.

(From southern California. Sung by Mrs. Francisca de la G. Dibblee.)



32. LA ESTRELLA DEL NORTE.



33. UN PAJARITO.

(From Mexico City.)





 Un blanco lirio yo tenía Se marchitó.
 Y de esta vida, el amigo mío, Desapareció —

Así son todos, etc.

3. Una mañana de primavera Yo te adoré, Me amaste mucho, luego dijiste, ¡Ya te olvidé!

Así son todos, etc.

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I held a lily white as snow,
 It drooped its head;
 My love has disappeared from out my life,
 My love is dead.

Ah! she is faithless, etc.

One blissful morning of tender spring
 I loved you, dear,
 And you returned my love; but then you said,
 "Now all is o'er."

Ah! she is faithless, etc.

34. NOCHE SERENA.1

(From northern Mexico.)



Cam - po en in - vier - no, Flor — mar-chi - ta - da, No - che sin Winter's chill doth come too soon, I am but a withered flower, Night without

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Mar - chi - ta - da, Ar - bol tron-cha - do, E - se soy yo. Tree-tossed and torn and bent, Love's storm hath swept o'er me so cru - el - ly.

35. POR TI RESPIRA.

(From Mexico. Sung by Miss Elsie A. Seeger.)



Por ti res - pi - ra mi pe-cho en cal - ma, Por ti sus-My soul be-seech-es Thy deepest blessing; My heart seeks



pi - ra de a-mor mi al - ma. Da-me, que - ri - da, thy side, Its love confessing. Give me, be - lov - ed,



da-me tu a - mor..., Sin ti no hay di - cha,
Thy true devotion, For thou art ever

No hay ilu-My whole il -



sión. — Yo quiero ver la luz, tus o-jos a mi-rar, mí-ra-me, lusion. One glance from thy clear eyes Fills my day with delight. Give me thy



ni - fia, sí, mí - ra-me, por pie - dad; Sin ti no hay di-cha, no, pity, too, So shall my years be bright; Ahl without thee content,



ni vi-da, ni pla - cer, Mi-ra-me, o mue-ro yo, por falta de que - rer. Ever must distant be, Life is of no a-vail If I'm bereft of thee.

36. EL SUSPIRO.

(From Oaxaca, Mex. Sung by Pedro Diaz.)



37. VIVO LLORANDO LA SUERTE.

(From Mexico City. Sung by Señora Ramirez.)



38. YO PIENSO EN TI.

(From southern California. Sung by Mrs. Francisca de la G. Dibblee.)



Palpita por ti, apacible flor, Flor que yo anhelo, y que me da la vida, Vida que anhelo, sólo por tu amor.

Late por ti, mi corazón de fuego, etc.

2. My heart eternally for thee is beating, It throbs for thee, thou fragile tender flower,— Flower that I'm seeking, nourishing my being, Life that I long for, holding thee fore'er.

> My loving heart forever hungers for thee, I need thy presence as my soul needs God. Thou art the angel of my fond devotion, Thou art the glory of my love divine.

39. A LA LUZ DE LA LUNA.

(From Lower California. Sung by Mrs. Theodore Barnes.)







zón. Te a · do · ra mi co · ra · zón. Som-bra me da el, etc. ly, That burns in · ces · sant · ly! Cool shades, etc.

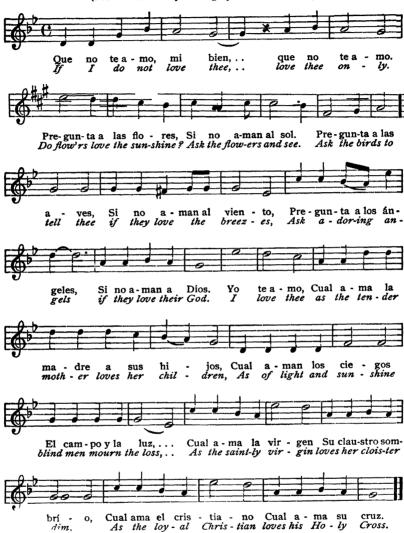
40. COMO QUIERES.

(From Oaxaca, Mex.)



41. QUE NO TE AMO.

(From Mexico City. Sung by Señora Ramirez.)



42. VIVO PENANDO.

(From Santa Barbara, Cal. Sung by Mrs. F. de la G. Dibblee.)

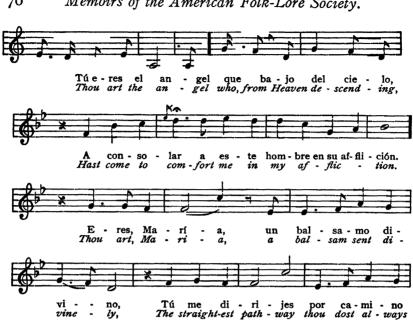




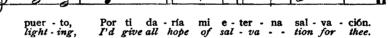
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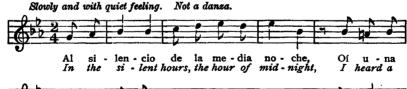






44. MEDIA NOCHE.

(From Lower California. Sung by Mrs. Theodore Barnes.)





voz que tris - te me de - cí - voice which murmured to me sad -Ya no hay pla - cer
 "Joys are there none,





45. SI VIERAS, VIDA MIA.

(From Oaxaca, Mex. Sung by Pedro Diaz.)





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2. Como, estoy en mi ventana Cerca del cielo, ¡ay, ay! Y por él las palomas Tienden el vuelo, ¡ay, ay! Cuando veo por mi vidrio Que el alba asoma, ¡ay, ay! Tender quisiera el vuelo Cual la paloma, ¡ay, ay!

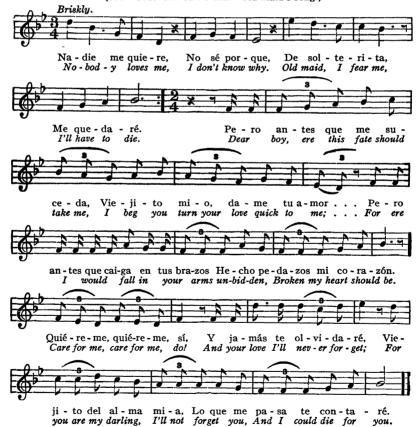
Y como arrullo, etc.

2. When in my little window I sit a-spying, ay, ay!
Skyward I look, and see that the doves are flying, ay, ay!
And when the dawn comes softly, I sigh, "My dear love, ay, ay!
Would I could fly and seek you like yonder white dove, ay, ay!"

I'm softly calling, etc.

47. NADIE ME QUIERE.

(From southern California. Old maid's song.)



48. LA MULATA.

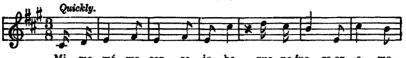
(From Cuba and Mexico City.)



2. Pero el juez que la miraba,
Y en sus ojos se recreaba,
Sin poderlo remediar (bis)
Le decía a la mulata
No te perdono la pena.
Ni por amor ni caridad (bis).
Porque si que a robar corazones
Se dedican tus ojos gachones,
Ellos son los que a ti te delatan
Con ellos me matas, eso es la verdad.

49. MI MAMA ME CONSEJABA.

(From Costa Rica. Sung by W. C. Riotte.)



Mi ma-má me con-se-ja-ba, que no fue-ra en-a-mo-Oh, my moth-er counselled tru-ly Of all woo-ing to be-



ra - do. Cuan - do veo u - na mu - cha - cha, me le ware me, When I see an ap-proach-ing mai-den, To the



voy de me-dio la-do Co-moel ga-llo a la ga-lli-na, oth-er side I has-ten. Like the roos-ter with his pul-let,





tór - to - la al tri - go, Co - mo la vie - ja al ca - ca - o. wild dove with the wheat-ear, Like the old wo-man with her co - cca.

50. NO ME MATES.

(From Costa Rica. Sung by Walter C. Riotte. Tune nearly identical with, and words similar to, a song from southern Spain.)





De tus labi - os de . . . co - ral. Con el ca - pu - From your lips of cor - al red. With a ca - pu -

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Con el ca-pu-tín-tín, Y ya va a a-ma-ne-cer. With a ca-pu-tin-tin-tin, Once a-gain the dawn brings light.

 ¡Ay que trabajos! pasa un hombre Cuando quiere a una mujer.
 Se emborracha, se desvela,
 Y se queda sin comer.

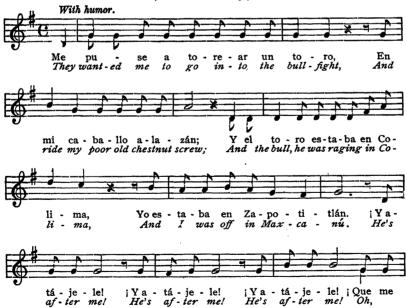
Con el caputin-tín-tín, etc.

Ah, what suffering for a lover
 When he seeks a maiden to wed!
 He gets drinking, wants no dinner,
 And completely loses his head.

With a caputin-tin-tin, etc.

51. ME PUSE A TOREAR.

(From Mexico City.)





52. TODO TIENE SU HASTA AQUÍ.

(From southern California. Sung by Mrs. Francisca de la G. Dibblee.)



 Ingrata, escucha un momento, Las quejas de quien te amaba, Del hombre que te adoraba Con locura y frenesí. Burlaste tu, mis amores, Mujer ingrata, perjura, Bien puedes estar segura Todo para mi acabó. 2. Stop, ungrateful one, and listen! Hear the wail of your sad lover! He who used to love you fondly, From his mad love will recover. My love you mocked and laughed at, So assurance now I send, You ungrateful lying woman, Everything has come to end.

53. UNA NEGRA GUACHINANGA.



54. BARTOLILLO.

(From Costa Rica. Sung by W. C. Riotte.)



 Cuando voy al río, me sale al camino, Por entre la breña tan lindo y tan bello. Me coje del brazo, me rompe el cantarillo, Y si le enojo, me da un besillo.

Como yo soy doncellita, etc.

2. He follows in my pathway when I go for water, Till I reach the bushes, where we both are hidden; Then he takes my arm and he breaks my nice pitcher, And when I chide, he kisses me gayly, with laughter,

He says I'm a fine young lady, etc.

55. A CANTAR A UNA NIÑA.

(From Costa Rica. Sung by W. C. Riotte.)





- 2. El nombre de cada estrella
 Saber quería,
 Y un beso en cada nombre
 Le repetía.
 ¡Ay noche aquella!
 ¡Ay noche aquella!
 Que inventé mil nombres
 Par' cada estrella, par' cada estrella.
- Por fin pasó la noche, Vino la aurora.
 Se fueron las estrellas Y quedó sola.

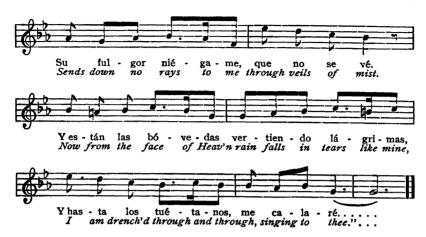
Y ella decía, Y ella decía, Lástima que no hay estrellas, También de día, también de día.

- 2. A name for every planet
 She would be learning,
 Kisses for every answer
 Gayly returning;
 Oh, night of wonder!
 Far-away planets!
 Thousands of names I gave her
 For every star, for every star.
- 3. Dawn came for us too quickly, Night softly vanished; Bright stars of night departed, By daylight banished; And then she left me, Murmuring sweetly, "It is sad that there are no stars In daylight hours, in daylight hours!"

56. EL GALAN INCÓGNITO.1

(A variant of a Spanish song. Very familiar in all parts of Spanish America.)





- 2. Pero la sílfide, que oyó este cántico, Entre las sábanas se refugió, Y dijo: — Cáscara, que son murciélagos, Canto romántico, no te abro yo. Pero es lóbrega, la noche hablaré, Se van las sílfides a constipar. — —Y están las bóvedas vertiendo lágrimas, Y hasta los tuétanos me calaré.
- 2. The sylph who heard this song, from the incognito, Pulled down the blinds so tight! (Ah, cruel she!) Then she cried, "Gracious me! how the bats fly to-night! Singer romantic, I ope not to thee. My window shows no light, Señor, I go to bed. Sing to the rain instead, sing not to me." "Now from the face of Heav'n rain falls in tears like mine, I am drenched through and through singing to thee."

57. LA GUAJIRA.1

(From Cuba.)



¹ Guajiro, a white person inhabiting country districts in Cuba.



- 2. Tengo un novio De faz morena, Que me da citas En el cocal. Y como siempre Viene risueño, Dice que pronto Se va a casar ---El es el mejor montero En los campos del marqués, Y sabe que yo le quiero, Y que deseo ser su mujer. Y casaditos ya, Juntitos él y yo, Nos haremos envidiar De todo el mundo que nos vea.
- 2. My handsome lover Is dark of feature.

We like to meet
By the cocoa-tree,
He meets me smiling,
And then murmurs softly
That we must marry
Without delay.
Best horseman of all the district,
On the marquis' whole estate,
He knows now how much I love him,
And that I'm eager to be his bride.
So when I'm safely wed
To this man whom I adore,
The wide world around will look on us,
With envy forevermore.

58. AUNQUE AMES.

(Very familiar in Spain and Spanish America.)



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- 2. Yo amaba mucho a un hombre y él me decía Que si yo le olvidaba, se moriría. ¡Ay! Morenita mía, eso no es cierto, Pues yo le he olvidado, y él no se ha muerto. Sí son los hombres tan insufribles Que nunca dicen lo que es verdad. Suspiran, lloran, prometen, juran, Y nada de eso es realidad.
- 2. I once fell deep in love with a man who told me That if I could forget him, he would die surely. Ay! Morenita mine, that's not so certain, Since he continues living, although forgotten. But men are always so egotistical That they believe all the things they say: They sigh and groan and weep and promise. But change their minds on the self-same day.

59. EN LOS MONTES MAS REMOTOS.

(From the Andes Mountains. Sung by J. R. Findlay.)

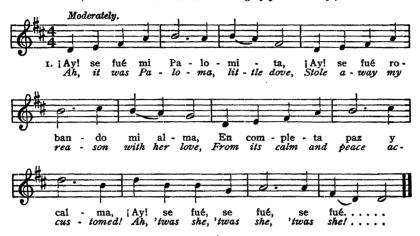


- 2. ¡O tirana, tu clemencia Tu me has demostrado Con rigor! Amor con amor se paga, Mas tú, amor mío, has pagado Con traición.
- 2. Thou art cruel, and the mercy Thou hast shown, alas! toward me, Is rigor harsh. Always should love be by love repaid, But thy love has killed mine With treason.

thee, Of such a crime.

60. LA PALOMA CUENCANA.

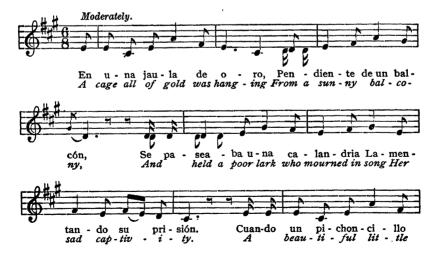
(From the Andes Mountains. Sung by J. R. Findlay.)



- Cuando el sol sus campos dora, Alumbrando el horizonte, Por las faldas de aquel monte Vive en calma mi paloma.
- 2. When the sun gilds fields with golden light, Gleaming on the clear horizon bright, Far upon the mountain's height, Lives in peace my Palomita.

61. LA JAULA DE ORO.

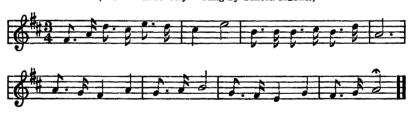
(From Mexico City. Sung by Señora Fuentes.)



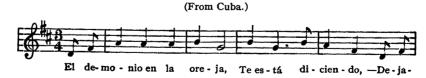


62. CANTARES.¹

(From Mexico City. Sung by Señora Rūbke.)



63. EL DEMONIO EN LA OREJA.²



- ¹ Impromptu verses are often sung to this tune and others similar in type.
- ² This song cannot be translated without becoming sacrilegious.



64. BOANERGES.



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 Mas si no sales a tu ventana, Perla del oriente, nítida flor, Cabe tus muros, verás mañana, Rota la lira, muerto el cantor.

Mi pobre madre, etc.

 But if thou come not to thy open window, Pearl of the Orient, shining flower sweet, Beneath thy casement my lyre will be broken, And thy fond singer dead before thy feet.

My weeping mother, etc.

65. LAS MAÑANITAS.¹

(From Oaxaca, Mex. Sung by M. Salinas.)



66. NO HAY ÁRBOL.

(From Costa Rica. Sung by W. C. Riotte.)



1 This song is one of the type sung by groups of young people going home after an evening's entertainment.



No hay ni - fia que no quie - ra tar - de o tem-pra - no. There's no maid-en but is lov-ing, now and for-ev - er.





Cuan - do se ven que - ri - dos, No co - rres - pon-den. When they find their pas - sion an - swered, a-way flies their fer - vor.

 No hay casa que no tenga Su pié de esquina,¹ No hay niña que no sea Constante y fina.

> Pero los hombres, Pero los hombres, Cuando se ven queridos, No corresponden.

2. There's no house without a corner-stone in its foundation. There's no maiden but is faithful in her devotion.

But men are different, But men are different; When they find their fervor answered, Away flies their passion.

67. HAY UN MARINO.

(From Costa Rica. Sung by W. C. Riotte. Variants are found in the northern part of South America.)



I. Hay un ma - ri - no, Que al mar se lan - za, Lle - va u - na es-tre - lla
Whene'er the sail - or Sails o'er the o - cean, Ris - es be - fore him



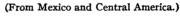
Que es la es-pe-ran-za. Y si la es-pe-ran-za De'- ja de ex-is-A star of good for-tune. And if hap-py for-tune Ceas-es to ex-

· 1 Pié de esquina, "corner-stone."



- Cuando un cadáver Sale a la playa, ¿Y ese cadáver De quien será? Es, de un marino, Naúfrago y triste, Que halló su tumba Dentro del mar.
- If a dead body
 To the shore is driven,
 Ah! this dead body,
 Whose might it be?
 'Tis a lonely sailor,
 Dead and cold is he.
 He has found his ending
 Deep within the sea.

68. SI VA EL VAPOR.





69. UN LAGO DELICIOSO.

(Costa Rica plantation song. Sung by Walter C. Riotte. This is a variant of a melody from the Province of Asturias, Spain. The words are the same.)



 Con muchísimo abandono, Su mano puso en la mía, La de ella sentía yo fria, Y mi pecho palpitar.

Batelera, etc.

 With a movement of sweet abandon She laid her hand in mine gently. Cold, cold it was, as I touched it, And I felt my bosom stir.

Boat maiden, etc.

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70. EL CONDE DEL CRUEL ARAÑO.

(From Mexico City.)



71. EL PERIQUITO.

(From Cuba.)



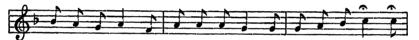
Ten-go, se-ño-res, un pe-ri-qui-to, Lo más gra-cio-so, Lis-ten, kind friends, I own a small par-rot, He is the pret-tiest,



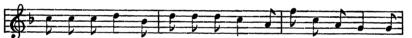
lo más bo - ni - to. Sa - be el Ben - di - to, Sa - be el Ro - sa - rio, he is the gay - est. He says his beads and the ben - e - dic - tion,



To - das las vo - ces del dic-cio - na - rio. Lle-ga mi mo - zo Knows in the dic-tion-ary ev - ry in -flec - tion. Of - ten my lov - er



a la ven-ta-na, Di-ce pe-ri-co,—A-quí es-tá Ca-ta-na.—
comes to my win-dow, My clev-er par-rot says, "Here's Ca-ta-na!"



Mien-tras yo char - lo con mi mo - ci - to, Co · mo se en - gri - fa And while I'm jok - ing with my ad - mir - er, My par-rot drowns it



mi pe - ri - qui - to. Ma - má sor - pren - da la con - fe - ren - cia, all with his chat - ter. Moth-er sur - pris - es the con - ver - sa - tion,



Y me pre-gun - ta, con in - dul-gen-cia,—¿Con quién con-ver - sas And asks me kind - ly, with sweet in - dul-gence, "Who is there, talk - ing



tan a - pa - ci - to?— Na - da ma - mi - ta, mi per - i - qui - to.— with such de - vo-tion?"—"Nobod-y, moth - er, my lit - tle par - rot."



Por e - so vuel - vo, di - go y re - pi - to, No tie - ne pre - cio There-fore I say ii o - ver and o - ver, My par - o - quet is



72. LA INDIA.

(From Oaxaca, Mex. Sung by Pedro Diaz.)



 ¡Alma mia! de mis corrales, Cuando el indio los vendió, No tuvo la culpa el indio, Sino quien se las compró.

Taringa, etc.

 Una indita Chinaltepa Estaba cortando flores, Y el indito Quatro Orejas Gozando de sus amores.

Taringa, etc.

¹ The Spanish j of this word is pronounced like English sh.

73. TECOLOTE.1

(Sung by Señorita Luz González Dosal.)



|Te-co-lo-te de Gua-da-ña, Pá-ja-ro ma-dru-ga-dorl Listen to the Te-co-lo-te, Bir-die of the ro-sy dawn.



lMe pres-ta - rás tus a - li - tas, Me pres - ta - rás tus a - Take me on your feathery winglets, Take me on your feathery



li - tas, Me pres-ta - rás tus a - li - tas, Pa-ra ir a ver mi a - winglets, Take me on your feathery winglets, To my dearest love far a-



mor, Pa-ra ir a ver mi a-morl way, To my dearest love far away.

¡ Ti-cu-ri - cu - ay - cu - ay-



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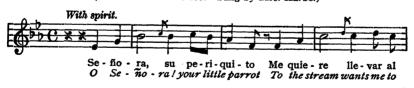


cu - ay! Po - bre - ci - to te - co - lo - te ya se can - sa de llo - rar.

The little Te-co-lo-te wea-ries of its cry-ing now.

74. SEÑORA, SU PERIQUITO.

(From northern Mexico. Sung by Mrs. Karbe.)





¹ Tecolote, a species of little owl, supposed in parts of Central America to have miraculous powers.





Pi - ca, pi - ca, pi - ca la ra - na, Pi - ca, pi - ca, Pick, pick, with your beak, pick at the frog-gy! Pick, pick, with your beak,



pi - ca, pe - ri - co, Pi - ca, pi - ca, pi - ca tu na - na. pick, pe - ro - quet! Pick, pick, with your beak, pick at your mam-my!

75. VÁMONOS POR SANTA ANITA.

(From northern Mexico. Sung by Mrs. Karbe.)



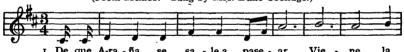
Vá - mo-nos por San-ta A-ni - ta, Vá - mo-nos y lo ve-rás; Come, let's go to San-ta A-ni - ta! Come, let's go! for there you'll find



Las ca-rre-tas por de-lan-te, Y los bue-yes por de-trás. In the lead the wag-ons harnessed, And the ox-en on be-hind.

76. LA RANA.

(From Mexico. Sung by Mrs. Dane Coolidge.)



I. De que A-ra-fia se sa-le a pase-ar, Vie - ne la When the spi-der goes out for a walk, Then comes the



Ra-na y lo se tri - na. La Ra-na, LaA - ra-fia, La frog, and he sings with a croak. The frog and the spi-der, the



Ra - na, La A - ra - ña, Can - tan - do de - ba-jo en la a - gua. frog and the spi-der, Are sing-ing be-neath the green wa-ter.



Ga - ra, etc., ad lib.

(The last one to be held a long time.)

La Rana se sale a pasear
 Viene el Raton y se trina,
 El Raton, la Rana, la Araña, la Rana,
 Cantando debajo del agua.

[Each verse adds an animal, and the whole list is repeated.]

La Araña, La Rana, La Rana, el Raton, El Raton, el Gato, El Gato, el Perro, El Perro, el Palo, El Palo, la Lumbre, La Lumbre, el Agua, El Agua, el Buey, El Buey, el Cochino, El Cochino, el Herrero, El Herrero, la Muerte, La Muerte — Dios.

2. When the frog goes out for a walk, Then comes the rat and he sings with a squawk, The rat and the frog, the spider and the frog, Are singing beneath the green water.

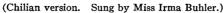
The spider and the frog,
The frog and the rat,
The rat and the cat,
The cat and the dog,
The dog and the stick,
The stick and the light,
The light and the water,
The water and the ox,
The ox and the pig,
The pig and the blacksmith,
The blacksmith and Death,
Death — and God.

77. YA VIENE EL ALBA.

(From San Juan Capistrano, Cal. Sung by Father O'Sullivan.)



78. ARRULLO.





¿ Por - qué llo - ra el ni - fio? Why is ba - by cry - ing? Se - ño - ra Santa A - Dear - est San - ta An na,



2. Decidle que no llore Que yo tengo dos; Una para el niño Y otra para vos.1



79. EL CLAVEL.1

my

(The words of this song I was only able to get in a garbled form from Señora Rufugio Fuentes, Mexico. They were therefore not recorded.)



heart.



80. JARABE MIXTECA.

(From Oaxaca, Mex. Played by M. Salinas on a mouth-organ, with guitar accompaniment.)



81. LEVÁNTESE NIÑA.



A - ti - ce la lum - bre, Co - mo es su cos - tum - bre. The fire needs at - ten - tion, You know it is your du - ty.

- Yo no sé barrer, Yo no sé atizar.
 Yo no me casé, Para trabajar.
- I will do no sweeping,
 I will light no fire,
 I wed you not for drudging,
 Oh, how you rouse my ire!

82. LA PETENERA ZAPOTECA.¹

(From Oaxaca. Played by Maximilian Salinas.)



83. GUADALAJARA TAPATÍ.

(From Mexico. Sung by Señora Fuentes.)



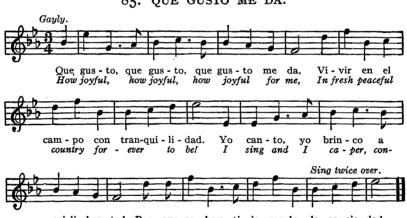
¹ Spanish evidently garbled, so not recorded.

84. CUECA OR ZAMACUECA.

(From Chile. Sung by Mrs. Leopold Buhler.)



85. QUE GUSTO ME DA.



mi li-ber-tad, Por-que no hay ti-je-ras de la so-cie-dad. tented and free, A - way from the city's dull gossip I flee.

86. SANDUNGA.

(From Tehuantepec.)



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87. JARABE.

(From central Mexico. Very familiar. Sung by Indians to a shuffling dance.)



88. LA CHILENA.

(From Oaxaca.)





89. EL PALOMO.



90. LA BORRACHITA.1



Y ora de ese sen-ti-mien - to, Vá - mo-nos a em - bo - rra.. charl

¹ The words of this song were not recorded, because they were garbled.

91. LA MALAGUEÑA.



92. QUIERES QUE TE PONGA.1

(From southern California. Tune similar to an old Spanish one.)



¹ This song is supposed to have had some political meaning during the period of the transfer of California from Mexico to the United States. Possibly the blue hat and the white hat symbolized different political parties. On its surface the song makes so little real sense, that it does not bear translating.



93. YO SOY UNA CHINAQUITA.

(From Mexico. Song dating from the Maximilian period. Very familiar.)





 Mi padre es de Zacatecas, Mi madre es de Nueva León. Por herencia me dejaron La nueva constitución.

Pésele a quien le pese, etc.

 My father comes from Zacatecas, My mother comes from Nueva Leon, For inheritance they left me The new constitution.

Now, come on and hit 'em one, etc.

94. HATUEY.1

(From Cuba.)



Hatuey no pe-le-a-ba a ga-llos, Ni tam-po-co con-sen-Hatuey would not stand for cock-fights, And would not give his ap-

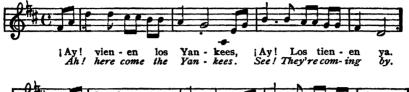


 Cuando yo me meto en fuego, Es porque tengo el poder, Es porque tengo el poder, A tornar hasta caer Y no ofender donde llego.

¹ Hatuey was a native of Hispaniola who emigrated to the east end of Cuba when he wanted to escape from the Spanish conquerors. After the Spaniards reached Cuba, he was finally conquered and burned alive.

95. ¡AY! VIENEN LOS YANKEES.

(From southern California. Variant of tune of Las Margaritas as sung in Mexico. Words date from 1848 or about that time.)





- Ya las señoritas
 Que hablan el inglés,
 Los Yankees dicen, "Kiss me!"
 Y ellas dicen, "Yes."
- See how the young ladies Rush English to learn! "Kiss me!" say the Yankees. The ladies answer, "Yes."

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